

COLAC SECONDARY COLLEGE

SUN SMART POLICY

Purpose

This Policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff are protected from damaging levels of ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

The goals of the Sun Smart Policy are to:

- Maintain a safe environment for students and staff in the school
- Assist students to become responsible for their own sun protection
- Increase staff and student awareness about skin cancer and sun protection
- Ensure that families and new staff are aware of the school's Sun Smart Policy

Sun Protection Measures:

For the health and safety of all staff and students, Colac Secondary College will ensure the following:

Shade:

The College School Council and the Buildings and Grounds committee will ensure and plan for sufficient shade areas in and around the school grounds, in learning communities, and on sports days including the swimming sports and athletics carnivals.

Clothing:

School uniforms or dress codes should include sun protective clothing.

Hats:

Students and staff will be encouraged to:

- Wear sun smart hats to protect the face, neck and ears.

Sunscreen:

Students and staff will be reminded to:

- Apply SPF 30 (or higher) broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen
- Apply a generous amount and reapply every 2 hours

- Do not rely on sunscreen to provide full protection – combine with other sun protection measures
- Add sunscreen to the school booklist as an optional item
- Remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (Eg reminder notices, sunscreen stations in learning communities)

Students

- Must be able to apply their own sunscreen
- Will be reminded to reapply sunscreen
- Will have access to sunscreen for all outdoor activities, including at break times

Sunglasses

Students and staff will be encouraged to:

- Wear sunglasses to protect eyes

Outdoor Activities

The College will ensure that:

- Adequate shade is provided for staff and students
- Sunscreen stations will be available all the day, including sunscreen, hats, and drinking water
- Allocated staff will be responsible for prompting students to apply and reapply sunscreen throughout the day
- Students will be encouraged to wear sun protective clothing at all times

Related Policies:

Occupational Health and Safety

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed every three to four years or more frequently if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

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